

NEW YORK YANKEES KEEP IN FIGHT FOR PENNANT UNDER MILLER HUGGINS'S ABLE PILOTING

HUGGINS HAS PUSHED YANKEES OVER THE TOP BY BASEBALL ABILITY

Manager of New York Americans Has Accomplished Wonders Because He Is Human, Is a Hustler, Knows the Game and How to Handle Men

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HUGGINS, manager of the New York Yankees, is a serious little man. He has no time for frivolities and thus far has shown no streak of humor in his make-up. His entire five feet four inches in height and 140 pounds in weight exude efficiency and business and he bustles in action.

Now that we have a close-up on M. Huggins we understand why his ball club is leading the American League instead of roosting near the end of the first division. M. Huggins will not allow his players to roost anywhere except at the top. Baseball managers have stepped into big league jobs and stepped out again, but none has ever tied the record of M. Huggins established in 1918. The diminutive pilot overcame a flock of handouts without turning a hair and beamed along with the mob like a regular fellow. He did not allow his job to get the better of him because he was entering a new league where he knew the players only by reputation. He did not worry himself to death trying to get the low-down on the strength and weaknesses of the batters or how to take care of his own players. He accepted everything as a matter of course and allowed the future to take care of itself. That his system was the proper one is proved by the standing of the club.

When M. Huggins signed the papers to manage the Yanks for two years he had wished upon him one of the unluckiest ball clubs in the world. Every one seemed to get hurt at the most inopportune time and the hospital list always was large. Broken ribs, busted fingers, fractured legs and things like that kept the team down in the race and almost drove Bill Donovan to distraction. The players had little confidence in themselves, believed they were followed by a healthy jinx and played accordingly. Now all this has changed. The men are playing better and no one is getting hurt. Thormahlen has been laid up with ptomaine poisoning, but that is the only accident thus far.

Huggins Knows How to Handle Players On and Off Field "GREAT guy Huggins," said a rabid fan the other day, "either is the luckiest stuff in baseball or a miracle man. There is no middle course; he is one or the other. He takes charge of the St. Louis Cardinals and lifts them to third place twice and has them fighting all year for the pennant. Up to that time they had only two first division clubs in St. Louis and the only year they finished as high as third was in 1876. Yet Huggins busted a record that had stood for forty years! Now look at the Yanks. Those birds are playing grand ball and leading the league. They couldn't do it last year or the year before, but as soon as Hug takes charge they step out in front. What's the answer?"

The answer is sheer ability of M. Huggins. He knows baseball, knows how to teach it and can handle his players on and off the field. He is not a domineering manager. He has the confidence of his men. He is lenient and seldom fines the players. He places them on their honor. He believes the more rigidly a manager tries to enforce a rule the more infractions will result. For that reason there are no rules.

A story is told of how Huggins handled a certain member of the Cardinals who was hitting the high spots and flirting with the white lights. Huggins was his retiring hour, and after hearing many stories about the escapades of the athlete Hug investigated and found them all too true. Now, instead of suspending the player or slipping him a heavy fine, Huggins tried something new. He invited the ball player to luncheon and during the course of the meal appealed to his common sense. He told the wretched traitor that cigarettes and sparkling Burgundy were poor things to train on and would put him on the sidelines quicker than anything else. It explained that it was easier to get out of baseball than stay in it, and the athlete saw the point. He also realized that Huggins was one of the smartest diplomats he ever dealt with.

Yank Manager Is Modest; Gives Credit to His Players "When I visited Huggins at the Aldine the other day I found him in the midst of a successful attack on a breakfast in the dining room. He was very much interested in his task, but found time to discuss various topics connected with the national game. He was willing to talk on any subject except himself. He shows publicity and is a hard man for personal interviews. He admits his team is leading the league, but insists that the players are the ones who are doing the work. They get all of the credit. "Have I any particular system?" he said in reply to a question. "Not a word you could notice it. I know it is interesting to read about stuff like that, but in my case there is nothing doing. If we get the breaks we play them for all they are worth. If we can force the breaks, that is, get them as a natural sequence, we will do that, too. But no man can lay down a system and follow it. You must be Johnny-on-the-spot and take advantage of everything that comes up.

Last year the Cardinals worked the squeeze play more than any other ball club, and when I went to New York it was freely predicted that I would follow that same style of play. But have you noticed what we have done? Do you know how many times we have worked the squeeze? The other clubs are looking for it, but to date we have used it exactly once. That's all—once. I don't have to use it with this club. We have some good batters and slow batters, so we hammer the ball. "I know we had a good ball club when I took charge of New York, but there were two spots which needed bolstering. Second base was a weak position, so I put through the deal for Derrill Pratt. It cost us several players, but we could dispense with them. Pratt made my ball club and the players sent in exchange virtually made the Browns. Thus the deal was even on both sides. Then I got Ping Bodie because I needed a hard-hitting outfielder. Ping also has helped us. "I expect to lose Walter Pipp in a short time and his absence will be felt. Walter is a wonderful first baseman and fits in the infield wonderfully. He has enlisted in the naval aviation service and is likely to be called any day. Ham Hyatt will take his place."

How Wheeler Delt Presented Hug With a Ball Game "NO MATTER what opinion he holds of himself, the dear old public is satisfied he is there with the goods and can deliver. Aggressiveness is a trait of the new manager. In swinging a deal or field tactics he is combative and bold, moves quickly and with confidence in his own judgment. In the tactical and strategical department of managing—that is, as a field general—his career has been conspicuous for quick perception, sound tactics, keen grasp of situations and especially for varied and quick thinking moves. His greatest stunt was pulled in St. Louis in 1916 and ball players are talking about it yet. Huggins used his head, sprang something new, got away with it and won the ball game. The Cards were playing Brooklyn and it was a close game. Wheeler Delt was twirling for the Dodgers and was whizzing 'em over in great style. Throughout the game Huggins was crabbing about the ball, insisting that he had something on it. He was overruled, however, by the umpires. Finally the eighth inning rolled around. The Cards filled the bases with two out and the weakest hitter on the team was at bat. The manager knew he couldn't hit the ball with a bass Biddle and only a miracle could score a run. To make matters worse, a slow man was on third. The pitcher began to protest against the ball and soon got on Dell's nerves. The pitcher told him to go soak his head or something like that, but there was nothing doing. When the batter had two strikes on him and the pitcher was preparing to slip over the third, Huggins yelled: "Hey, Dell, let me see that ball! I INSIST on seeing that ball. Throw your here!"

Wheeler, who was an unsuspecting person, hurled the ball to Hug, who was standing near third base. Huggins did not catch it nor did he try to stop it, the ball rolled to the bleachers and two men scored. HUGGINS now is at the ripe old age of thirty-eight, which no doubt is surprising. Many believe he is older than that. He played second base in Cincinnati and St. Louis and was one of the best in the business. He was in big league baseball fifteen years and managed the Cards five years. He developed Cruise, Hornsby, Bill Doak, Lee Meadows, Jack Chesbro and Muls Watson after getting that flock of players for less than

THE DAYS OF REAL SPORT



THE CLOWN POLICEMAN IN THE CIRCUS PARADE.

CAMP DIX BOYS TRIM THE NAVY 12,000 See Game—DeNard Defeats the Frankford Arsenal

At the Country Club for Entertained Men at Rockledge, Montgomery County, Pa., yesterday, 12,000 enthusiastic fans witnessed the double bill between the Camp Dix, A. A. and the Frankford Arsenal team, and the crack team representing Camp Dix, which crossed bats with the Arsenal, representing the Fourth Naval District. Every available space, both seating and standing room, was occupied.

The field was dotted with bluejackets with their sweethearts, wives, parents and friends. The boys of the army were also well represented. Spellenburg's store band of sixty pieces played patriotic airs during the games and kept the assemblage in good spirit.

Among those noted in the grand stand were Lieutenant Rogers, Lt. S. N. Sargeon, Troxell, Ensign and Mrs. Rose, Commander and Mrs. Starr, Paymaster and Mrs. Peck, Frank Poth with party of friends and Commander Payne had as his guests Colonel and Mrs. Samuel D. Litt.

The first game between DeNard and the Arsenal boys was a nip and tuck until the seventh inning, when the Arsenal was broken by DeNard driving across three runs by consistent hitting and putting the Arsenal in a hole.

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The second game was a heartbreaker, being no one's game until the last man was out in the ninth. The army boys started out in the first like world-beaters, scoring one run.

The score: CAMP DIX, 4; 4TH NAVAL DIST., 2.

DE NARD A. A. PKED ARSENAL.

UNK RUSSELL LAYS DOWN TERMS FOR THE PROPOSED DEMPSEY-FULTON BATTLE Veteran Would Have Heavies Fight 25 Rounds on Isolated Island, With Price of Admission Gratis; Part of Receipts for Cause

By JAMES S. CAROLAN "BUREAU and have me comin' out of an entourage; I care of that, for yer know it kinder makes me look good. I don't care 'bout myself, but there's others that might get this goods on me," grunted Unk Russell, tin-canned son of swat, as he carefully took very liberal mouthfuls of a cruller and an equally liberal swallow of coffee. "I like to talk about the old days and I will in time."

A few mornings ago Unk was encountered in one of our busy Broad street chair-counter-and-help-yourselves lunch houses. He was surrounded by a gathering of fight followers. Every one had something to say about the boys in the good old days but Unk, who was very clamish. He was so much occupied in disposing of the cold crullers and the icy coffee that he was unprepared for any kind of a verbal attack.

Unk, the Silent "It is a difficult job to get Unk started. He has much very interesting dope stowed away in that battered dome of his and it would remain a secret if someone didn't take a chance and extract a few stray words from his very silent lips.

The well-versed fight rafter which surrounded him discussed the old timers, some not as old, and even Jack Britton. The mention of Britton's name immediately revived the recent battle at Shibe Park. Anything that pertains to a boast for the modern-day batter is very painful to Unk.

It is especially exasperating when mention is made of the very liberal financial returns. Unk never received much money for his ring work. He goes in and it looks down upon the high-priced boys.

Oh, the Hams! "How them here guys get away with what they do now. I dunno, I dunno, the battered ex-warrior as he shuffled along. "It do beat all! Kin yer imagine this here Britton and Leonard a gettin' over \$300 between 'em? Swallow that, it's a pretty soft for them guys! Must be som'n wrong with their prop'nerters, it wasn't their own money. Well, I'll tell yer—make 'em fight twenty-five rounds and give twenty-five cents of the purse to the Government."

Would Pinch 'em "Yes, they should give twenty-five cents to the cause, those hams! Make 'em go twenty-five rounds. If I had my way I'd pinch 'em for just gettin' in the ring. That's a fine enough to give 'em a few days in any good prison."

TIGER AIRMEN ARE VICTORIOUS Defeat Hazleto nFliers in Close Baseball Contest

Princeton, N. J., July 1.—The Princeton contingent of United States military aviators triumphed over their brother aviators from the Hazlehurst Field, Minnola, by the score of 3 to 2 at the University Field here. The teams were evenly matched and each team succeeded in driving in a brace of runs in the earlier innings. The Princeton men, however, succeeded in putting the same on base in the eighth, when they broke through Pitcher Ketter's delivery for the deciding tally.

The Minnola fliers were the first to score when, in the first, Pinner dented the bats on an error to short. The Princeton team represented in the third with a pair of hits. Harry reached first on a bouncer's oblique and was advanced to second by Murray, who singled. Sean a Texas leaver scored them both.

Princeton... 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 1 3 3 Hazlehurst... 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Big League Records for the Past Week The week's records in each league of games played, won and lost, with runs, hits, errors, and batting averages, as scored by players, including the games of Saturday and Sunday.

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LUPTON CAPTURES PHILA. SUBURBAN INITIAL HALF

Former Industrial Champions Win Every Game Played and Score 79 Runs as Against 24 for Opponents. Other League Surprises

LUPTON, first half champions of the Philadelphia Suburban Baseball League. The last season's titleholders in the Industrial ranks breezed through the initial series in fine fashion and established a record which is impossible to surpass and hard to equal, that of winning every game played. Manager Hutzel has a well-balanced aggregation, with Bill Fish, the former Philie backstop, and Kinzel, pitcher, as stars.

This battery participated in every game. The second half season will be inaugurated on July 4, with a single game in the afternoon. The record of the Lupton club for the first half is appended:

May 12—At home, Lupton, 6; Lindley, 2. May 13—Away, Lupton, 12; Barrett, 2. May 18—At home, Lupton, 14; Frankford, 1. May 25—At home, Lupton, 7; O'Connell, 1. May 30—Away, Lupton, 4; Fern Hook, 1. June 1—Away, Lupton, 4; Lindley, 1. June 8—Away, Lupton, 10; Bar, 3. June 15—Away, Lupton, 20; Frankford, 6. June 22—Away, Lupton, 10; Bar, 3. June 29—At home, Lupton, 7; Fern Hook, 1. Total—Lupton, 79; opponents, 24.

New Leaders in Two Leagues R. G. Dun & Co. ousted the Union A. A. of Lansdowne, from the lead in the Main Line League by defeating the home team, 4-1. The victory was achieved chiefly as the result of Greville's mastery twirling. The star flinger of the Commercial Raters was in fine fettle and let his opponents down with four hits and whiffed thirteen by the air route.

Two other games were played, and in each instance they were determined by the same figures, 2-1. Autocar's victory over Warwick, boosted last year's winners to a tie with Lansdowne for second place. "Lefty" Black pitched a wonderful game and held Warwick to a single hit. Second Baseman Ryle, robbing the Autocar hurler of a no-hit game, J. & D. Dobson made it two wins in a row by defeating Wayne. Charley Glock performed in his usual fine style and had the Wayne batsmen at his mercy throughout the entire nine innings.

Ambler and Doylestown met in a game upon which hinged first place in the Montgomery County League. Trevious to Saturday Doylestown headed the race, and when Ambler won, 4-2, the leaders were humbled to third position, while Warrenton and Ambler now share the topmost rung. "Knott" Mayer had the better of "Pete" Liebert, but Ambler hunched five of its seven hits in the eighth for three counters, the final tally being 4-2.

Southern dug out Fort Washington, 4-0. Warren Dunham, who worked a no-hit game the previous week, was found for the safety of Doylestown allowed Fort Washington four hits. Hog Island Keeps It Up Hog Island launched another victory in the Delaware River Ship League, making it six straight wins for Johnny Castle's aggregation. New York Ship was on the losing end, a 3 to 2 decision and it marked the seventh in a row decided by a single counter in which the Jerseymen have been particularly successful. The victory for Hog Island lowered New York a peg to third position. Barnard, the losing hurler, kept the Hog Island total safe down to two but every one of the local safeties was for extra bases, including three doubles and a triple, and it was this feature of the affair that decided the issue in favor of Hog Island.

Sun Ship's star line-up took Pusey & Jones into camp by 2 to 0. At Corwells the Harlan and Traylor aggregations staged a weird exhibition. Errors of omission and errors of commission were a predominant factor. The latter were piled up to the number of nine, three being credited to Harlan and double that total to Traylor. Frank Miller and his chief clerks won their sixth straight at the expense of Merchants, 5 to 2. The leaders presented a crippled line-up, with Pitcher Earl Twining out of action with a bad arm and Mashers, a recruit, who took his place, performed in a creditable manner, pitching himself out of several tight holes.

The 424 Infantry team, which hails from Cramps shipyard, halted the winning streak



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Wesbecher to Coach Lafayette, Is Report

Alexander Wesbecher, the former Washington and Jefferson guard, has accepted the position as head coach of the Lafayette College football team, according to a report coming from Greensboro, N.C. Wesbecher has been athletic director of the Greensboro High School for several years. Lafayette within the last eight months has given two football coaches to Wake Forest. Wesbecher, who is married, is a native of Greensboro, N.C. He was a member of the college team and was selected for the college. He also coached with the college.